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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA****SUBJECT: Recommendation for Additional Space and  
Personnel in Support of OXCART**

1. The ideal situation to support OXCART would be to have a room sufficiently large so that the complete map of the USSR could be posted conveniently on the wall with the order of battle pertinent to OXCART operations maintained on this chart. Since this is completely unrealistic due to space limitations, we can go to the other extreme and give you the absolute minimum that we feel necessary to support OXCART operations. We anticipate that the smallest space in which two men can work to maintain the basic small scale world or Eurasian map, as well as approximately fifty 42 x 72" charts, would be in the order of 15 by 25 feet. Two enlisted men, preferably trained in posting of order of battle, would be required under the supervision of a single officer.

2. After a meeting with [ ] of OSI we agreed that OSI would provide the technical parameters of the electronic equipment and other defensive systems pertinent to OXCART. For instance,



3. There is within the Agency a division which collects the radar order of battle, SAM order of battle and air order of battle. These orders of battle are derived from several sources, primarily from SAC, NSA, DIA, and NPIC. Each of the foregoing maintains a complete order

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of battle. However, in no two cases is the order of battle exactly the same. We have made arrangements with OSI as part of their support for the program to provide us additionally with the most accurate order of battle information. This information will be provided in tape form for the plotter, as well as written form for hand annotation.

4. The inadequacy of the space mentioned in paragraph one will be most felt when some degree of sophistication is attempted to provide flight planning guidelines, affording the mission the greatest degree of survivability. We are used to in the IDEALIST program relatively simple



5. Assuming first that the Intel space and the planning space for OXCART should be if not one and the same, then within immediate proximity of each other. Whether we can afford to provide OXCART with the degree of intelligence and intelligence planning necessary to afford it the highest degree of security depends largely on the space provided and its relative location to planning. My original request that Intel planning space be provided and the associated personnel required to maintain the intelligence information still stands. This space should be no smaller than the area now occupied by the OXCART officers, the Control Center offices, and the OXCART planning room. As recommended previously, the intervening walls of these spaces should be removed.

6. Summary: To support IDEALIST and OXCART operations, intelligence needs four qualified officers, two for IDEALIST and two for OXCART. We presently have four officers on board. We anticipate losing

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[redacted] shortly after [redacted] comes on board -- about 8 January. [redacted] is not considered an officer to support these programs. [redacted] will probably come on board in January. I anticipate making him my deputy or the senior officer in support of intelligence for OXCART operations. In addition to [redacted] I need an additional intelligence officer and the two enlisted men mentioned previously, one of whom has been requested. 25X1A

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[redacted]  
Chief, Intelligence Division  
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**Note:**

In May of 1963 ID/OSA forwarded to the C/OD/OSA a requirement specifically requesting support anticipated for IDEALIST and OXCART from ID/OSA. I am aware that both the IDEALIST section and the OXCART section prepared an answer to this question; however, repeated requests to OD/OSA have been fruitless in obtaining these answers. We had hoped to receive this information not later than July in order to answer some of the questions now cropping up.

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